From: Paula Sharaga
To: Simmons, Denise
Subject: Re: Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard
Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:11:37 PM

Thank you Denise. I appreciate your thoughtful examination of this issue. Paula

On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 9:58 AM, Simmons, Denise <dsimmons@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Sharaga,

Thank you for your email. So far, I have not yet seen an actual draft of the proposed resolution asking the City to cease purchasing HP equipment and supplies. I understand there's been a great deal of passionate discussion in the community about this matter – yet I must underscore that this will only appear on the City Council's April 23 agenda if one or more City Councilors sponsor it. We will not know if it is on the agenda until either a City Councilor publicly declares that they'll be sponsoring this (to my knowledge, this has not happened), or until the agenda is finalized by the Clerk's Office and posted online this Thursday evening around 5:30 pm.

There have been numerous passionate op-eds, emails, and social media posts both in favor of and in opposition to this resolution - yet I must clarify that we do not yet actually have a resolution or policy order in front of us, there has been absolutely no debate about this amongst the City Councilors, and the City Council will not have an opportunity to take this up for consideration unless and until a resolution is sponsored by at least one of us and introduced at a public meeting.

I appreciate your reaching out and sharing your views on this. I am currently reading up on this issue to be better informed, I am reviewing all the emails and letters coming in about this issue, and I am reaching out to our representatives in Congress to seek their input on an issue that is more international than municipal in scope. Should this matter end up on before the City Council – either on April 23 or at a later date – I will look forward to engaging in a thoughtful discussion and debate with my colleagues on the Council and then seeing how to best resolve this matter in a way that allows everyone to feel they have had a fair chance to be heard. Thank you.

E. Denise Simmons

From: Paula Sharaga <morethanpaula@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 8:45 PM
To: City Council; Clerk

Subject: Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard

Dear Councilors,

I am a longtime resident of Cambridge, a member of Jewish Voice for Peace and Massachusetts and an American Jew who supports the existence of a fair and equitable Israel. I am asking my City to do the same by ending all contracts with Hewlett-Packard until this company ceases providing products that aid in the suppression of Palestinian rights and the detention and deportation of US immigrants. I am proud to live in a city with a history of speaking out against human rights violations and proud to be part of an ethnic/religious group that does the same. I look forward to attending the City Council meeting on April 23 so that we may continue this important work together.

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